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## STIRRING SCENES MARK DEPARTURE OF STATE MILITIA

**Gray Haired Woman  
Breaks Through Ranks  
As Hartford Boys  
March to Train, and  
Fondly Embraces Her  
Soldier Boy Bound For  
the Border—Thousands  
Cheer Soldier.**

Hartford, June 24—Thousands of people, presenting a sea of faces engaged in almost continuous cheering and hand clapping and the marching of militiamen accompanied by the first regiment band were some of the more impressive scenes marking the departure of the Hartford companies of the Connecticut National Guard to Niantic before 7 o'clock this morning. The troop entrained at the Spruce street freight yards which was dense with people, most of them relatives or sweethearts of the soldiers who were leaving to concentrate at the Niantic rendezvous.

Members of the local companies assembled at the armory at 5:45 this morning and prepared for departure. Each man carried a blanket, roll, pancho, half tent, haversack containing meat plate, knife and fork, canteen and first aid packet which must be opened only in case of emergency. Every man shouldered a Springfield military rifle. The officers carried 45 calibre Colt automatics.

The line of march was through Broad street, Farmington avenue to Asylum Hill into Union Place to the place of entrainment off Spruce street. When the soldiers reached the corner of Union Place one elderly woman who formed a part of a solid wall of spectators, searched the faces of the men in line as they marched by. Finally she spied the one she was looking for, broke through the crowd and rushed up to one of the boys in Company H. She threw her arms around his neck, drew his face down to hers and kissed her soldier boy "Good bye."

There were many other pathetic scenes when the boys entered the train. Soon after they reached the yard the trumpet sounded and the men hurried into the waiting train. The signal to start was given and the long train of 15 passenger coaches and five baggage cars drawn by a monster engine pulled slowly out of the yards at 6:55.

Then began the most prolonged, the most pronounced demonstration of all. More cheers and handclapping but augmented by a bigger crowd was heard. Hats and handkerchiefs waved a last farewell and the soldier boys waved off. Mothers pressed small handkerchiefs to their eyes, fathers experienced sudden lumps in their throats.

Col. Richard J. Goodman and the headquarters occupied the last car. The supply company and the band occupied another and another sanitary detachment occupied another.

### National Guard of Connecticut Now Is Under Canvas

Camp Holcomb, Niantic, Conn., June 24—The Connecticut National Guard ordered to mobilize under the President's call, except the field artillery, is under canvas on the state grounds here. The first infantry from Hartford arrived at 10 o'clock and the first train of the second infantry arrived from New Haven at 1:20 this afternoon. The second section of the latter command came in a little later.

Upon arrival both regiments were detained at the station and each company moved away without delay or fuss. The Torrington company of the 2nd was already in camp. The signal corps of the first and troop E, cavalry, with a number of detachments were on the field having gone into camp last night.

The Yale batteries will go to East Haven with the other field artillery for drill, the state range being a better place for field drill and maneuvers than the ground here.

It will require nearly a week, it is understood, to complete the mobilization of the national guard on the border. This patrol must be maintained and strengthened even if occupation of northern Mexico is undertaken.

It is regarded as probable that regular army regiments now on patrol duty will be promptly relieved by national guard regiments as they reach the border.

The regulars, already acclimated and prepared by months of border work for a vigorous campaign, would be concentrated at the points from which a general advance would be begun.

### PLEDGE

"I hereby enroll to march in the 'Go For Bridgeport' parade on July Fourth, as a pledge of my loyalty to My City, My Country and My Flag."

Name .....  
Address .....

Cut out and mail to Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce.

## Second Regiment is Es- corted by Other Mil- itary Organizations as it Marches to New Haven Depot to Entrain For Niantic on First Leg of Its Trip to Mexican Border.

New Haven, June 24.—The Second regiment went to the concentration base at Niantic today as the first step towards moving to the Mexican border for duty. The headquarters staff and the local companies left amid great enthusiasm although underneath there was the serious vein, the tears of what might be in store for the soldier boys.

The second regiment band, under Leader Fichtel, played its liveliest airs and flags were flowing from windows everywhere and on motor vehicles and the windows of buildings along the line of march to the entrain point were filled with spectators but nevertheless the occasion was not that of holiday merrymaking.

Before the regiment assembled for the street march there was singing by groups, handclapping and more cheering. A mother shed tears as she kissed her son before he fell into his place in the ranks and there were many little incidents which touched the heart of those who witnessed them.

The general thing, the spectators tried to keep the gathering in good spirits. The regiment on its march from the armory to the entraining place in Broadway street was escorted by the Second company of Governor's Footguards under Major Kennedy, the local division of the naval militia and the Yale batteries under Major Danford, U. S. A., commanding.

Troop A, Captain Wolf with about 100 men, left the Orange street armory to ride to Niantic.

**MOBILIZE NEAR GOLDEN GATE.**  
San Francisco, June 24—Nearly 500 members of the National Guard are in camp at Sacramento today where the soldiers will await orders to move to the Mexican border.

Movement of troops out of any Pacific coast states is expected before Wednesday. The Utah battery of field artillery expects marching orders today.

### Bay State Militia Roster Now Complete

Framingham, Mass., June 24.—With the arrival today of the Second Battalion of Field Artillery, the roster of the Massachusetts militia called out for service on the Mexican border was complete. Many more recruits are wanted at Camp Whitney, however.

Fifteen hundred members of the Ninth Regiment attended a military mass early today. Preparations are being made for the reception of thousands of visitors who are expected to come to the camp tomorrow.

### CITY AND STATE OFFICIALS PROBE EPIDEMIC HERE

**Examiners Put O. K. Upon  
Beaver Brook Dairy—Other  
Cities Have Illness.**

City and state authorities today began an investigation having for its object the discovery of a means of fighting the epidemic of glandular disease in Bridgeport. It became known this morning that a widespread ailment in this city, the source of much illness in this city, New Haven, Shelton and Boston.

Garget, an inflammation of the udders, is blamed for the germs that have gotten into the milk supply of many places in this state as well as of Massachusetts. Tubercular affections are also suspected.

Because of the prevalence of illnesses believed to have resulted from consumption of milk and two deaths, Dr. F. L. Day and E. G. McGovern called the attention of the board of health to the symptoms. It was learned that several had been ill, who had consumed milk from the Beaver Brook Dairy. This concern today invited state officials, city health authorities and local physicians today to make an examination of its cattle and dairy in the hope of running down the cause of the suspected infection.

Accordingly, Dr. R. D. Martin, veterinarian, and Dr. A. C. Knapp, city veterinarian, and the New Haven veterinarian went to the farm today for the purpose of conducting an examination.

They gave the farm a clean bill of health and found nothing of the matter with the cattle or the sanitary arrangements. Further search will be made among the many farmers who supply some of the larger dairies.

Samples of milk taken from various dairies have been sent to the state bacteriologist for examination. Health Inspector C. H. Dunbar said today that if milk is causing infection, much of it may be due to the insanitary condition of restaurants and markets.

Health Officer E. A. McEllan said there is no means whereby private families may guard against the reported disease absolutely, but that sterilization would help.

## WIENER DENIES ATTEMPTING TO EVADE JUSTICE

**Policeman's Blunder Causes  
Expensive to City, County  
and State.**

### DRIVER REPORTED CASE TO NYQUIST

**While Long Search is Made  
For Motorist, Bluecoat  
Knows All.**

Because Policeman Charles O. Nyquist failed to take the name and address of Max Wiener of 31 Market street, Springfield, after the latter in his automobile had struck and killed Charles W. Hall of Pembroke street Saturday night, June 3, serious complications have arisen. An innocent person was taken into custody, the city has been put to considerable expense, Wiener has been accused of running away from the scene. Had it not been for the voluntary act of Wiener himself in reporting the occurrence to State Highway Commissioner Williams of Massachusetts, his identity might never have been known.

It was raining and the streets were slippery on the night of June 3. Near midnight, Wiener, his brother Abraham, the latter's little daughter, Rachel, David Rood, David Miller and Samuel Basika were passing through Bridgeport near Hough avenue. Hall, who is a brother of Dog Warden Charles Hall of Seaview avenue, crossed Stratford avenue in front of the car. Wiener claims he sounded his horn and turned the car to pass back of Hall. He says Hall was staggering about the street in a zigzag fashion and that as the car was passing at a six mile an hour speed, Hall fell backwards striking his head on the running board of the car. He suffered a fractured skull and died in St. Vincent's hospital where he was taken after treatment at the emergency hospital.

"Would you say Hall had been drinking?" Coroner Phelan asked Wiener today.

"He was drunk," replied Wiener.

"Would it surprise you to know that reputable witnesses have testified that Hall was not a drinking man?" asked the coroner.

"No; nothing like that would surprise me," replied Wiener, "but when we found him he had two bottles of beer in his pockets. He might have been carrying it to someone else."

From the testimony before Coroner John J. Phelan today it appears that Wiener, instead of running away, did everything possible or Hall. He telephoned for an ambulance, but his brother, Abraham Wiener, forestalled him by stopping a jitney car and having the injured man driven to the emergency hospital. Wiener then went with Robert Russell of 30 California street, one of the witnesses of the occurrence, to Stratford avenue and East street.

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## FULL PAY ASSURED TO TELEPHONE MEN WHO GO TO FRONT

**Bell System Would Cooper-  
ate With Government By  
Supplying Skilled Men.**

The Southern New England Telephone Co., one of the associated companies of the Bell Telephone system, makes the following announcement: The companies constituting the Bell Telephone system have agreed upon the following:

Employees of the Bell system who, on the 18th of June 1916, were members of the National Guard of Naval Militia, and who have been called into service by orders issued in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States of that date, or who may be called into service by similar order, will be allowed full pay, at the normal rate in effect on that date in each case, during absence in such service not to exceed three full months and the fraction of the month in which called into service, and thereafter, for a period not exceeding nine additional months, full pay at such rate less the amount in each case paid by the government.

Such employees will also be considered, for the purpose of Employees' Benefit plan, as being continuously employed in the system while absent on such duty, and upon return from such duty, or after honorable discharge, will be given such employment as the needs of the service will permit and the employee is able and fitted to perform.

Owing to the importance of our service to the government and the public in time of war, we must take care not to cripple it. Therefore, the names of those who are willing to enlist hereafter will be noted, and, if subsequently desired by the government, we will aid in supplying skilled men for the particular service for which men specially trained are required. Those who hereafter enlist with the company's approval will be treated in the same manner as employees who were members of the National Guard or Naval Militia on June 18th, 1916.

Further consideration, in due time, will be given to the matter of service beyond the period herein provided for. In case the state or nation makes provision for dependents of the men in service, or the situation is otherwise substantially changed, this arrangement may be modified as, in the judgment of the companies, the changed conditions may warrant.

# MEXICAN GENERAL ORDERS ATTACK UPON ADVANCING COLUMNS OF U. S. TROOPS

## DISCHARGE MEXICAN EMPLOYES FROM QUARTERMASTER'S STAFF FEARING ACTIVITIES OF SPIES

El Paso, June 24.—Investigation of reports that a number of Mexican spies have been in expeditionary base camp here recently resulted today in the discharge of several Mexican employees of the army quartermaster's department. The men were ordered by Captain Lewis J. Van Shalck, chief of the intelligence department, to leave the base immediately.

A motor truck train a mile long, carrying 30,000 pounds of military supplies, left here today for General Pershing's base. The train was escorted by two troops of cavalry and a battery of machine guns mounted on motor cycles.

Reports from the field indicate that General Pershing is drawing his command into a shorter and more compact line. Nothing has been heard from the field wireless station at Nampulpa since Thursday night and the impression prevails here that it has been abandoned.

Preparations are being made here today to enlarge the base hospital at Fort Bliss in the event of hostilities with Mexico. In addition, the medical corps on station here was augmented by the arrival of a field hospital and a field ambulance corps from Fort Sill, Okla. A new hospital building has just been completed and arrangements were made for extra wards.

Calm prevailed on both sides of the river, although some excitement was caused by the sound of a single shot, followed by bugle calls in Juarez. Mexican military authorities explained that the shooting was an accident but that it was followed by a call to arms which showed the tension under which the people are laboring.

The border still clung to the hope that the entire command engaged at Carrizal had not been annihilated and that the day would bring reports from General Pershing indicating definitely the American casualties.

## STOP SHIPMENTS ACROSS BORDER; WARN RAILROADS

**No Specific Embargo Order-  
ed, But Roads Co-operate  
With Army Officers.**

Washington, June 24.—Custom officials along the Mexican border have been ordered to hold up freight shipments into Mexico and to advise the railroads to keep their rolling stock on the American side of the line.

Treasury officials said today these orders were acting under general instructions to co-operate with the military authorities and that no specific embargo order had been issued.

Efforts to keep rolling stock out of Mexico have been made with the double purpose of protecting the railroads on their own account and also guard against the loss of equipment which might be needed for the transportation of American troops.

## EDWIN SHIELDS IS RELEASED BY 'FRISCO POLICE

**State's Attorney Refuses to  
Sign Requisition Papers  
For Defaulter.**

Upon orders telegraphed by the detective department of this city, the San Francisco, California, authorities have released Edwin Shields from custody as State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings refused to sign requisition papers when the Adams Express Co. would not share the expense of returning Shields, a defaulting agent of the company.

Shields was arrested in San Francisco June 2 as the result of a search conducted for three years by Detective Sergeant Peter Hall. He was manager of the Lyric theatre while in this city and for the convenience of the profession was appointed a special agent of the express company. On August 1, 1913, he left town with money order checks amounting to \$478.

The company would not agree to pay the expense necessary to send a cop after him and when State's Attorney Cummings returned from the Democratic convention in St. Louis, he refused to sign the papers.

### MERIDEN BOYS OFF TONIGHT

Meriden, June 24.—The Meriden companies of the 2nd infantry will not get away for Niantic until late this afternoon. All of the musicians in the band have been engaged to head the soldiers' boys and the escorting organizations.

### KRANEK ABDUCTS HIS DAUGHTERS FROM HERE

According to the police, Mrs. Lena Kraneck of 323 Pine street will be unable to bring any action against her husband who Thursday took their two children and is now believed to be at his mother's home in Johnstown, Pa. The children, girls of four and eight years, were missing from home when the mother returned from work Thursday. She did not know where they had gone until she received a letter yesterday from New York in which her husband said that he had the children. The couple have been separated about four years.

Forecast: Unsettled, probably light local showers tonight and Sunday.

**General Trevino Admits Probability That Entire  
American Party Except For Prisoners and  
Refugees From Carrizal Who Have Reported  
Has Been Annihilated—Negro Troopers  
Placed in Penitentiary, Lem Spillsbury, the  
Mormon Scout, Among Them.**

## TREVINO WON'T HANG U. S. SOLDIERS, THAT NOT BEING "CIVILIZED CUSTOM"

**Washington Now Awaits Severance of Diplomatic  
Relations Between De Facto Government and  
the Opening of Hostilities—Administration  
Won't Depart From Its Policy—Conference of  
Wilson, Lansing and Baker at White House—  
Government Still Lacks Official Report.**

Chihuahua City, Mex., June 24.—American columns have been seen advancing from the American field base in the direction of San Antonio and Ojocaliente, and General Trevino has issued orders to attack them if they do not retreat.

General Trevino said the Americans would get the same treatment that they received at Carrizal as he is determined to carry out his orders to the letter.

In this he said, he had all his subordinates with him and they will remain with him in case of a rupture.

The Mexican commander said that it seemed probable, inasmuch as General Pershing seemed ignorant of the fate of the Boyd column, that outside of the additional prisoners being brought here the Americans were annihilated, although it was possible more had escaped.

General Pershing has wired here for the names of the dead and the prisoners.

It was officially announced that none of the prisoners brought here will be hanged, that "not being the custom of a civilized country."

According to a statement said to have been signed by Sam S. Spillsbury made public today by General Trevino, neither he nor the negroes knew which side began the firing.

Spillsbury's statement says that practically all the Americans who lost their lives were killed when they advanced to a deep ditch in which Mexicans were stationed and when other Mexicans, getting around to a deep ditch in their rear, attacked them from the flank.

The 17 American negroes captured in the Carrizal battle have been placed in the penitentiary here. There have been no arrangements for removing them to Juarez to be surrendered to the American authorities.

The troopers brought here are Privates Page, Peterson, N. Lloyd, W. Ward, Jones, Sykes, Hall, Oliver, M. Donald, Williams, Givens, Stone, Harrison, Lee and Graham, of Troop H, and Alexander, of Troop C.

Lem S. Spillsbury, the Mormon scout captured at Carrizal, also is in prison. The prisoners were insulted by Mexican civilians as they were transferred from the train to the penitentiary but, according to the authorities, they are being well treated.

### PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH SECRETARIES.

Washington, June 24.—Secretary Lansing and Secretary Baker went to the White House at 10 o'clock this morning for a conference with the President. Both said as they left their offices that there had been no new reports from General Pershing and that the policy of the government was unchanged.

On returning to his office Secretary Lansing, for the first time since he became secretary of state, cancelled his morning engagement with the newspapermen. He sent word by his private secretary that there was nothing he could discuss at this time.

Secretary Lansing emerged from the White House about 10 minutes after Secretary Baker. He turned to newspapermen and said, "I cannot say a word."

Secretary Baker, in reply to an inquiry as to whether the United States had requested the release of the American prisoners captured at Carrizal and taken to Chihuahua, said: "I cannot discuss that subject now."

Secretary Baker said after the conference that no immediate change in the Mexican policy was contemplated by the United States and that no new military orders were planned.

### REPORT 10,000 MEXICANS MOBILIZED NEAR NOGALES

Nogales, Ariz., June 24.—Approximately 10,000 Mexican troops were concentrated last night at Magdalena, 47 miles south of Nogales, according to authentic reports here.

### PAN AMERICAN POWERS OFFER INTERVENTION

Washington, June 24.—News that some of the South and Central American republics were preparing to initiate offers of mediation in the crisis between the United States and Mexico drew from high officials here today a strong intimation that the United States, engaged only in protecting its people and territory, considered there was nothing to mediate, so far as the policy in which this government was concerned.

Although Ecuador and Salvador have authorized their ministers to conferring it under the channel, it was not to be used as a conduit for wire-

## FOUR KILLED IN EXPLOSION IN BOSTON SUBWAY

**Water Rushes in Upon Men  
Pinioned in Debris—Diver  
Seeks Bodies.**

Boston, June 24.—Four laborers were killed today at the bottom of an 85 foot shaft by an explosion of compressed air which released bricks, water and sand upon them. Another workman, operating a hoist at the top of the shaft, was blown through the air and caught on the derrick hook. He was taken to a hospital severely injured.

The dead: Albert Eastern, of this city, a mink; John Corbett, of Fall River, a miner; Harry Owens, of Cambridge, a sand digger, all negroes, and an unidentified white man.

The shaft in which the explosion occurred had been sunk on the city side of the reserve channel, between South Boston and the city proper, and the workmen were engaged in extending it under the channel. It was to be used as a conduit for wire-